

CERT Meeting Notes

March 18, 2024

Attendees:

Millicent Cosmas
Tim Jenkins
Danielle Carter (by phone)
Linda Green
Karen Scheuerer
Mark Grisar

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 (the building was locked and it took some time for the Police to open up).

Linda moved and Tim seconded the approval of the minutes for the February 26 CERT meeting and the February 8 Business meeting. Passed unanimously, 5-0.

Karen will be leading a zoom meeting of the Rainier Manor subcommittee (Thursday, March 21, 7:30 pm) to develop a strategy for our training with them. Melissa will lead a discussion on fall prevention.

Melissa provided (by email) a financial update, noting we recently spent \$169.94 on first aid items (now in storage for future use), \$203.52 for our website subscription and \$20 for our domain name.

Our current balance is \$1,380.95.

More first aid items will be purchased soon, as will our purchase of 5 walkie-talkie radios, pending approval by the City. A hundred coloring books -- for hand-outs at events -- have been ordered. Stroke Smart has provided us with additional materials for training.

CERT has tax exempt status. Be sure to note that when placing orders.

Linda and Millicent reported on their recent successful first aid teaching experience with the Roots and Shoots group, where Melissa slipped on some Sweet Gum balls and broke two ribs (we wish her a speedy recovery). The CERT team had devised several inventive games that incorporated first aid training and the kids were enthusiastic participants. Ten children participated.

Upcoming events:

April? (tbd): Rainier Manor first aid and safety review.

May 4: University Park 5K Run (looking for volunteers for first aid duty; Tim will attend if his schedule allows).

May 18: Mt. Rainier Day (we'll have a table and booth set up; Danielle will reserve for us the same spot we had last year).

May 31: Mt. Rainier Elementary School Carnival: Tim, Karen and Linda will work the first shift from 4:30 to six pm, including set up. Millicent, Melissa and Mark will be there from six pm til closing, including teardown and return of supplies to storage. Others are welcome. We are planning to do safety demos at this event, including Fall Prevention.

We are looking for volunteers to write a little something about CERT, with the idea of producing an essay for the Message that tells our story. Send your scribblings to Mark, who will enlist Paul's help in producing something worthy of our efforts.

Tim conducted a how-to-open-the-storage-closet workshop in which we all practiced entering the code.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.